

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected.

Claims 10-13, 15 and 16 are objected to.

Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 10, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed.

Certified copy of the Australian Patent Application Filed on September 19, 1999

Applicant wishes to submit to the Examiner the attached Certified Copy of the Australian Patent Application (Application No. PQ 2858) to which the present application claims priority. This certified Australian application was filed on September 16, 1999 with the Australian Patent Office.

Rejection of Claims 9 and 14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosaen (4,569,233) in view of Plagens (5,694,040).

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice, therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 9 and 14 be removed by virtue of their cancellation.

Allowable Matter

Applicant kindly thanks Examiner for indicating that claims 1-8 and 17-20 are allowable. The Office Action further indicated that claims 10-13 and 15-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Office Action indicated that claims 10-13 and 15-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of each claims respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended and now contain all of the limitations of claim 9 which is their respective base claim. Applicant also wishes to point out that claims 11 and 13 are each dependent upon newly amended claims 10 and 12 that are now in condition for allowance, therefore, Applicant also requests allowance of these dependent claims. In view of the amendments made to the claims, Applicant respectfully requests removal of any objections to claims 10-13 and 15-16 since they are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks the claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15-16, as amended, properly allowable, therefore, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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